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Look around the kitchen and you'll find 90% of the materials needed to make the projects in this book.

To begin with, recipes for home-made paste, finger paint and clay are supplied to start the youngsters off to making: puppet heads, paper bag masks, paper bag puppets, paper bag costumes, decorative painted paper.

Instructions are supplied on how to paint with strings, cords, sponges and fingers. Your youngster is taught how to print with such kitchen items as bottle caps, forks, potato mashers, as well as with vegetables, fruits and blocks.

Other make-it-yourself craft items include a shadow box, tin can stilts, tin can bank, tin can string holder, tuna can bracelet, tuna can picture frames, pasta jewelry, pasta decorated mirror, pencil holder, alphabet cereal necklace, seed collages, bookmark, herb and spice jars, paper clip holder, egg carton jewelry box, treasure box,

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Introduction

You can be an ECOLOGIST and an ARTIST using the craft ideas in this book. Tell Mom to save empty tin cans, egg cartons, paper bags, plastic containers, boxes or you can even rescue these items from the trash. There is no need to be a litterbug if you do these projects because most of them use materials that are usually thrown away.

You won't need much help. You can do most of the crafts alone, unless you want to do a family project. All by yourself, make surprise presents, your personal stationery, or toys for you and your friends. You can even plan and design an entire birthday party—from the invitations to the tablecloth and napkins.

Before you begin, READ the following work rules very CAREFULLY. If you follow these rules, cleaning up will be easy and your project will be more fun.

1. NEVER begin a project unless you have lots of time to finish it.
2. COVER your work area, floor, or table top, with old newspaper.
3. Keep rags or paper towels at hand to clean up spills, wipe your hands, or clean off brushes.
4. If you are using water colors or poster paints, have a small, throw-away container (a paper cup is useful) of water for each paint color you are using. This will make it easy to keep each brush clean.
5. If you are using enamel paints, have a small, throw-away container of turpentine for each paint color you are using. Dip your brush into the turpentine *after* you have finished with one color and *before* you dip it into

another color. This keeps the colors from mixing and streaking. Remember, turpentine is *DANGEROUS* and should not be played with. Have Mom pour it into the container and call her to empty it when you are finished. If you spill it on the floor or table top, pick up newspaper, quickly, and wipe up the spill with wet rags or paper towels. If you spill turpentine on yourself, wash it off, quickly, with warm water and soap.

6. If you are using glue, put it in a small throw-away container such as a jar lid or a plastic snap-on lid.

7. When you are finished, wash any brushes you have used in warm water and mild soap and wipe them dry with paper towel; empty dirty water; place your completed project on a clean piece of newspaper in a safe place; put all throw-away containers on your dirty newspaper, roll it into a tight ball, and place in the garbage.

NOW YOU ARE READY TO BEGIN YOUR FIRST PROJECT!

II. Homemade Paste, Finger Paint, and Clay

HOMEMADE FINGER PAINT

(Parental Help Needed)

Materials Needed:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soap flakes such as Ivory
- Laundry starch
- Vegetable coloring
- Muffin pan
- Saucepan

Follow directions on box of laundry starch for making boiled starch.

Add soap flakes to boiled starch and mix thoroughly.

Put a little of the mixture in each cup of a muffin tin and add enough vegetable coloring to make the color that you want.

HOMEMADE PASTE

Materials Needed:

- Flour
- Water
- Mixing bowl
- Spoon

Mix together flour and water using one cup of flour to start with. Add as much water as you need to make a thick and sticky paste.

If you can get someone to help you, add a little bit of boiling water to the mixture to make it smooth.

HOMEMADE CLAY

UNCOOKED

Materials Needed:
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup salt
- Water
- Food coloring
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- Bowl
- Spoon

Mix together the flour and salt. Add enough water to make a paste that is like thick dough. You may add food coloring to the water, or you may add a few drops directly to the flour-salt mixture. When you have gotten the color that you want, add the vegetable oil to make it smooth.

COOKED
(Parental Help Needed)

Materials Needed:
- 1 cup corn starch
- 2 cups baking soda
- 1¼ cups cold water
- Food coloring
- Bowl
- Spoon
- Saucepan

Mix the corn starch, baking soda, water, and food coloring together in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until mixture is smooth and thick. Cool before using.

III. Paper Projects

PUPPET HEAD

Materials Needed:

- Newspaper
- Newspaper strips
- Homemade paste (see page 10) of a soupy consistency
- Paper-towel tube cut to the length of your finger
- Poster paints
- Brushes

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. To form the base of the head, tightly wad up one half sheet of newspaper, cover with paste, and place it on the paper-towel tube.

Dip strips of newspaper in glue, one at a time, and wrap around the newspaper wad until you reach the size head you want.

You may make a nose, ears, eyebrows, and hair by using smaller pieces of newspaper dipped into the paste, shaped into the proper form, and pasted onto the head. Let the head dry completely, and then paint on the face using poster paint.

PAPER BAG MASK

Materials Needed:

- Paper bag large enough to fit, comfortably, over your head
- Pencil
- Glue
- Construction paper or bits of fabric and yarn
- Scissors
- Crayon
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Place paper bag over your head to see where the eye holes should be, remove paper bag, and mark them on the bag. Cut the eye holes into triangles or heart shapes for safety. Decide on the face you are going to make and pencil in the features. Use crayon to color the features. Glue on the construction-paper strips, fabric strips, or yarn for hair. For a female mask or for a lion's head, crumple tissue paper and glue it onto the paper mask. This can be a lady's long hair or a lion's mane.

PAPER BAG PUPPET

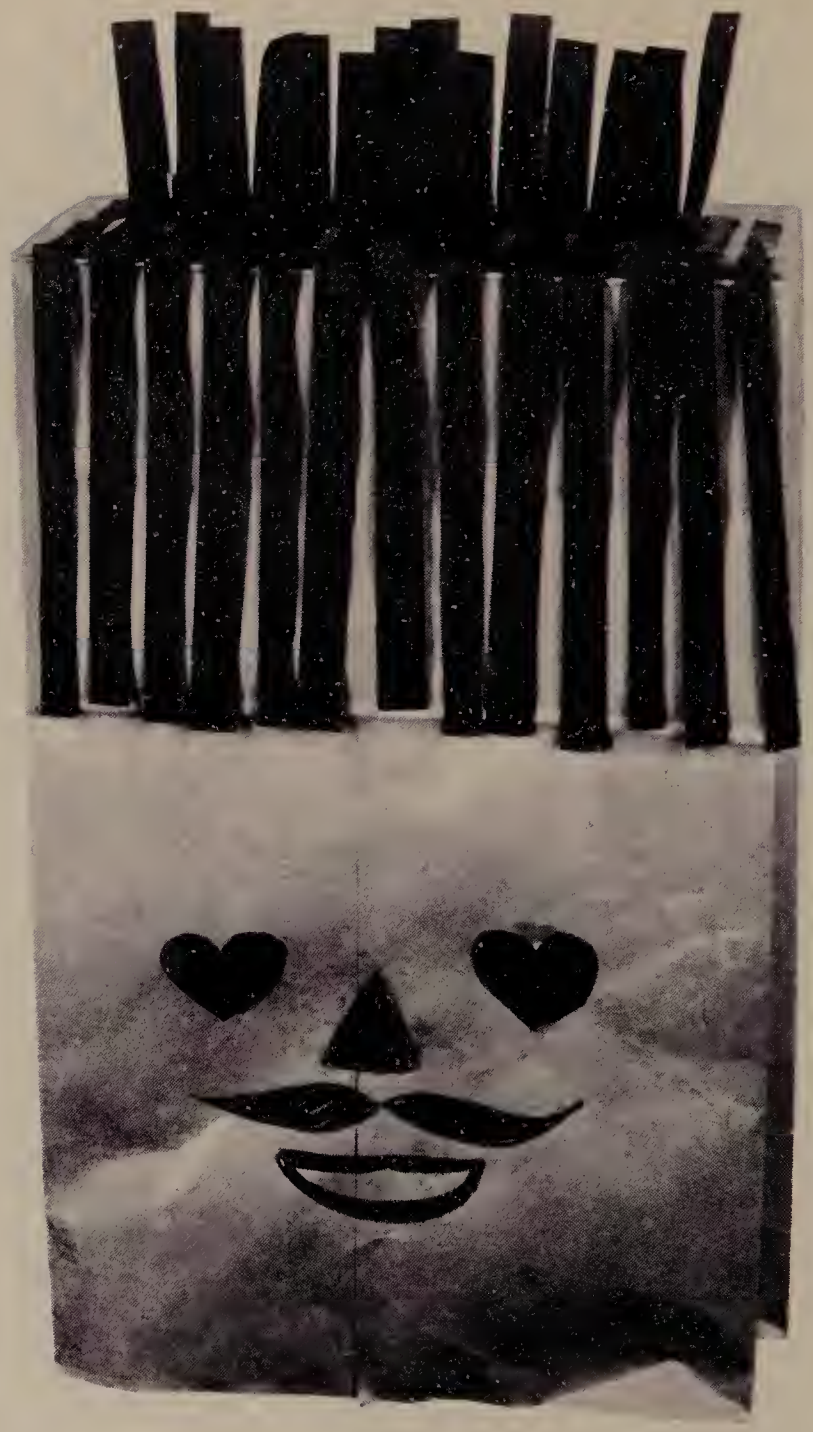
Materials Needed:

- Unused brown paper lunch bags, or unwrinkled used bags with flat bottoms
- Pencil
- Glue
- Construction paper or bits of fabric and yarn
- Scissors
- Crayon
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Draw an outline for the hair, eyebrows, eyes, and nose of your puppet face on the bottom of the bag. Put your hand into the bag with four fingers in the flat bottom part and your thumb in the lower part of the bag. Bring your fingers to your thumb and you will have formed a mouth for your puppet. Cut out eyes and nose from colored paper and glue them on the face, or draw them on with crayon.

Draw in eyebrows and mouth with crayon. Glue yarn or fabric bits on for hair. If you want a moustache or beard, glue on yarn above or below the mouth. You may also crayon a dress or shirt on the remainder of the puppet.



PAPER BAG COSTUMES

(Parental Help Needed)

Materials Needed:

- Heavy brown wrapping paper on a roll 36 inches wide and 52 inches long
- Ruler
- Glue
- Scissors
- Cellophane tape
- Gummed colored papers or Magic Marker

Instructions:

Form the piece of brown wrapping paper into a tube, short side to short side, and glue it in an overlap of 2 inches.

Shape and fold the tube into a paper-bag-like form. It must have folds along each side that are 10 inches across. Try not to make the folds along a side seam.

Ears are cut out by drawing a 4-inch square at both top corners. Cut the top inside edge of each square nearest the center of the bag. Remove the center section of the bag that has been freed. You will then have 4 square ears sticking up. Cut from the outer corner to the inner bottom of each ear to form a triangle.

Tape the top opening of the bag closed.

Put the bag over your head. Make holes, at your shoulder level, in each side about 4 inches wide and 12 inches long. Put tape around the armholes so that they do not tear.

Try the costume on to see where the eye holes should be and mark the spots. Cut them out. It is safer to make the eye shape into a triangle or heart rather than small circles. Decorate the costume using gummed colored paper, Magic Markers, crayons, or anything else you have to create an animal, a vegetable, or a human figure.

DECORATIVE PAINTED PAPERS

Decorative painted paper may be used as gift wrap, school book covers, scrapbook covers, address book covers, wall hangings, a framed abstract painting, or to turn an ordinary cardboard box into a pretty storage container.

General Materials Needed:
- Newsprint paper, freezer paper, or white shelf-lining paper
- Homemade finger paint (see page 10) or poster paint
- Newspaper

Remember to spread newspaper over all work surfaces.

TO PAINT WITH STRING AND PAPER-TOWEL TUBE:

Additional Materials Needed:
- Paper-towel tube
- Brush
- Thick white string

Instructions:

Wind string around a paper-towel tube, fastening the ends under one of the strands. Leave the ends of the tube free. Dip a brush in paint and paint the *string only*. Roll the tube around on the paper. You may use more than one color, but you should have a clean tube and string for each color used.

TO PAINT WITH STRING OR CORDS:

Additional Materials Needed:
Thick string or cord

Instructions:
Dip a piece of string about 12 inches long into paint container. Drag the paint-covered string along the paper to make an abstract design. You may use more than one thickness of string and more than one color paint to make a more interesting design. You may also glue the painted strings directly onto the paper by laying the wet string in a design on the paper and letting it dry in a warm place. The paint will act as the glue as it dries.

TO PAINT WITH SPONGE:

Additional Materials Needed:
Small piece of sponge for each color paint used

Instructions:
Dip a piece of sponge into the paint container. Squeeze out some of the paint so that the sponge is not too wet. Dot the paper with the paint-filled sponge.

TO FINGER PAINT:

Additional Materials Needed:
Sponge
You must use white shelf-lining paper

Instructions:
Wet the shiny side of the paper by wiping it with a wet sponge. Smooth the paper.
Pour a small amount of paint onto the paper and begin to make designs with your fingers, fist, nails, knuckles, palm, or side of your hand. Use only one paint color.
After your first color has dried, you may use another color on top of it to make another design.
You may add as many colors as you wish, as long as you allow each color time to dry.

DECORATIVE PRINTED PAPERS

Decorative printed paper may be used for the same things suggested for decorative painted papers. It can also be used to make stationery, cards, and party invitations.

General Materials Needed:
- Poster paint
- Paper towels
- Shallow dishes
- Newsprint paper, construction paper, plain white stationery, shelf lining, or any kind of *heavy* paper
- Newspaper

Remember to spread newspaper over all work surfaces

TO MAKE PAINT PADS FOR PRINTING:

Fold a wet paper towel several times to fit into a shallow dish. Pour a small amount of poster paint onto the wet towel. Allow it to soak in. You will need a different pad for each color that you use. Keep adding paint as the color is used up in the pad.

TO PRINT WITH KITCHEN OBJECTS:

Additional Materials Needed:
Bottle caps, screws, potato mashers, spoons, forks, corks, sieves, etc.

Instructions:
Smooth the paper.
Choose one object at a time. Dip it into the paint pad and press it onto the paper. Work slowly to keep printing from getting smeared. Finish using one object before using another.

TO PRINT WITH VEGETABLES AND FRUITS:

Additional Materials Needed:
Any vegetable or fruit cut in half

Instructions:
Smooth the paper.
Press the vegetable or fruit half onto your paint pad and then onto the paper.
You can either use a different paint color for each print, or you can use the same paint color but use different vegetable or fruit halves.
This print is lovely on stationery or on 3-inch by 5-inch file cards to be used in a recipe box.

TO PRINT WITH A BLOCK:

Additional Materials Needed:
Adhesive-backed foam weather-strip tape $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide (comes by the roll at most hardware stores)
Scissors
A block of wood (use either one of your own building blocks or get scraps from a lumberyard)

Instructions:
You may either draw a design on the block or just stick the pieces of foam tape directly onto the block in the design you choose. If you draw in the design, cut the tape to fit the lines of the design and stick it onto the block.
You may use each side of the block for a different design.
After you have made the tape design, press it onto the paint pad and then onto your paper.
This type of printing is best for stationery, holiday greeting cards, or personalized note paper.

IV. Tin Projects

SHADOW BOX

Materials Needed:

- Sardine or tuna fish can, clean and dried
- Enamel Paint
- Brush
- Turpentine
- Scissors
- Pictures from magazines to fit bottom of can as background
- Glue
- Small shells, pebbles, or miniature animals or figures
- Paste-on picture hangers
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface.

Use enamel paint to paint the entire can.

When paint is dry, glue the background picture onto the inside bottom of the can.

Let glue set, then arrange shells, pebbles, and/or figures in place on the bottom or sides of can. Glue them in place.

Let dry.

Attach paste-on picture hangers to back of bottom of the can and hang on the wall.

TIN CAN STILTS

Materials Needed:

- 2 empty large-size cans such as 40-ounce juice cans. The cans must be the same size
- Can opener
- Adhesive tape
- 2 pieces of strong cord long enough to reach from the can top to your hands

Instructions:

Use the unopened end of the can as your stilt top.

Punch 2 holes on opposite *sides* of the can near the top, using a can opener. Slip a piece of strong cord through the holes of each can and tie it so that you have made a loop long enough for you to hold, comfortably, while walking on the stilts.

If you are going to use the stilts in the house, make sure that the bottom of the can has no sharp edges. If the edges are sharp, wrap some adhesive tape along the edge to prevent scratching the floor as you walk.

TIN CAN BANK

Materials Needed:

- 1 1-pound shortening or nut can with plastic lid
- Decorated paper (see page 19) or spray enamel paint
- Glue-on decorations of paper cut-outs
- Yarn, ribbon, string, or beads
- Glue
- Knife
- Ruler
- Newspaper
- Scissors

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Measure the width of the can and cut a piece of decorated paper to cover the outside of the can or spray paint the outside of the can.

Paste on whatever decorations you are going to use as trimmings. If you have spray painted the can, let it dry completely before decorating.

Make a small slit, using your knife carefully, in the center of the snap-on plastic lid. This is where you will drop in your coins.

Suggestions for Designs:

The bank may be decorated to look like a drum, a face, or a flower garden.

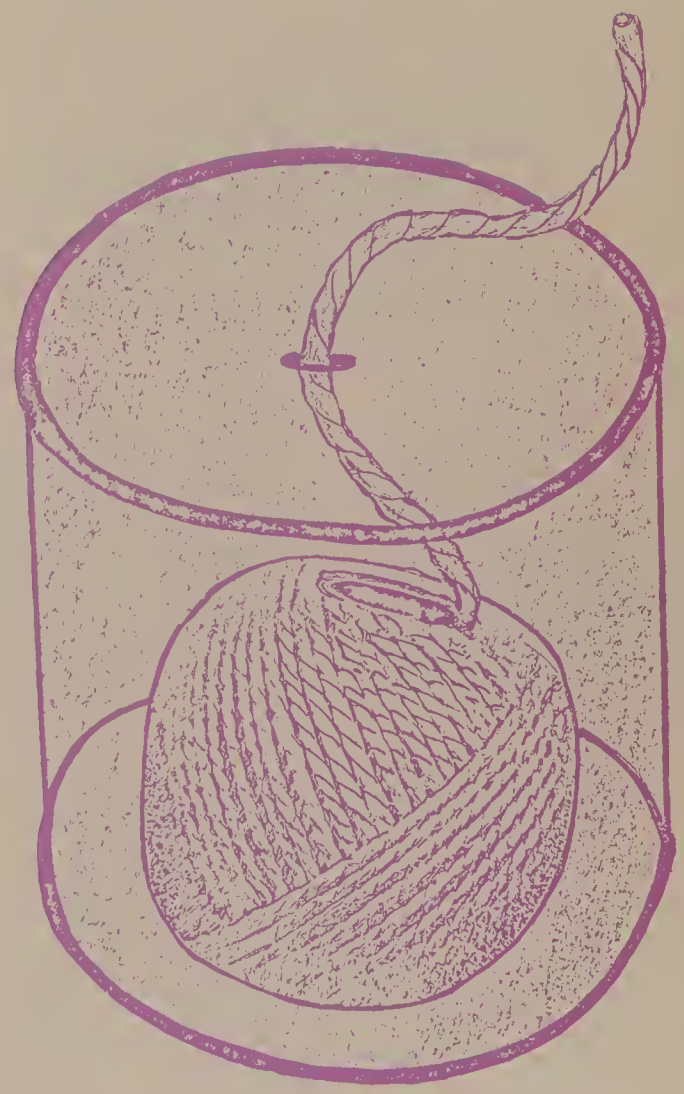
TIN CAN STRING HOLDER

Materials Needed:

1 1-pound shortening or nut can with plastic lid
Ball of string to fit in can
Decorated papers (see page 19)
Glue
Scissors
Ruler
Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Measure the width of the can and cut a piece of decorated paper to cover the outside of the can.
Glue the paper onto the can.
Punch a small hole in the plastic lid of the can.
Place the ball of string inside the can.
Draw the end of the string through the hole in the plastic lid and snap the lid on top.



TUNA CAN BRACELET

Materials Needed:

- 1 7-ounce-size tuna fish can with top, bottom, and label removed
- Glue
- Hammer
- Colorful pictures from magazines or comic books or photographs or decorated papers (see page 19)
- Scissors
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. If the inside rim of can is not smooth, hammer down the rough edges. Cut your pictures, photographs, or decorated paper to fit, exactly, the outside of the can.

Spread glue over the outside and immediately attach your decoration. Work slowly so that the paper does not wrinkle.

If you have sequins, plastic "jewels," or any pretty ornament with a flat bottom, you can also glue it onto the bracelet.

TUNA CAN PICTURE FRAMES

Materials Needed:

3 7-ounce tuna fish cans, clean and dry, with one end on
Cardboard
White glue
Scissors
Photographs
Paper clips
Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Select 3 photographs for your frames. Trace around the bottom of the can onto a piece of cardboard making a circle to fit each can.

Cut out the 3 cardboard circles.

Glue a photograph to each cardboard circle.

Glue the cardboard circle, with the photograph facing up, to the bottom of the can.

Clip the 3 cans together to form a triangle.

V. Pasta and Seed Projects

PASTA JEWELRY

Materials Needed:

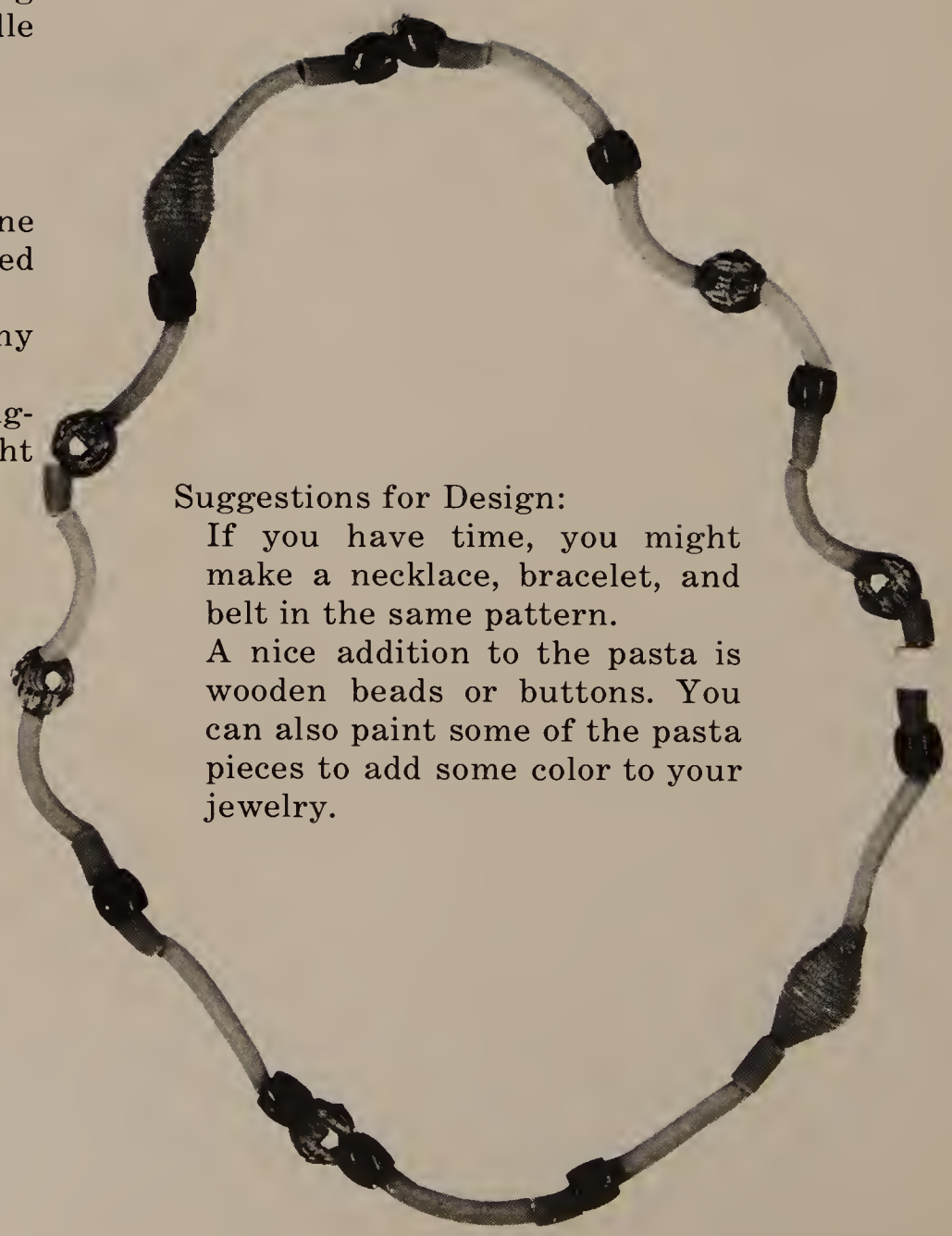
- Pasta, with holes, of different shapes and sizes
- Nylon fishing line or heavy string
- Large-eyed needle (a yarn needle is good)
- Scissors

Instructions:

Cut a piece of nylon fishing line or string the length you will need for a necklace or bracelet.

Begin to string the pasta in any pattern you wish.

When you have finished stringing the pasta, tie string in a tight knot.



Suggestions for Design:

If you have time, you might make a necklace, bracelet, and belt in the same pattern.

A nice addition to the pasta is wooden beads or buttons. You can also paint some of the pasta pieces to add some color to your jewelry.

PASTA DECORATED MIRROR

Materials Needed:

- Small dime-store mirror with plain frame
- Glue
- Small throw-away container
- Small pasta shapes
- Tweezers
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Place some glue in a small throw-away container.

Carefully dip a pasta piece into the glue, using the tweezers, and place it on the mirror frame. Keep gluing pasta pieces around the mirror frame until all spaces are covered.

Be careful not to get glue on the mirror. If you do, wipe it off immediately with a damp paper towel.

PENCIL HOLDER I

Materials Needed:

- Frozen juice can, 6-, 12-, or 18-ounce size
- Spray enamel paint
- Alphabet noodles
- Glue
- Small throw-away container for glue
- Tweezers
- Clear spray varnish
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Spray paint the outside of the juice can. Let it dry. Select the alphabet letters you are going to use.

Place some glue in a small throw-away container.

Carefully dip each letter into the glue, using the tweezers, and place it on the can.

After the glue has dried, spray the can with varnish to protect it.

Suggestions for Design:

You can use the name of the person who will use the holder, or the name of a school or camp or a favorite saying. Just make sure you have room on the can for all the needed letters.

ALPHABET CEREAL NECKLACE

Materials Needed:

- 1 package alphabet cereal
- A piece of strong string long enough to fit over your head
- Poster paint
- Brush
- Glue
- Cardboard strip
- Scissors
- Clear spray varnish
- Newspaper

Instructions:

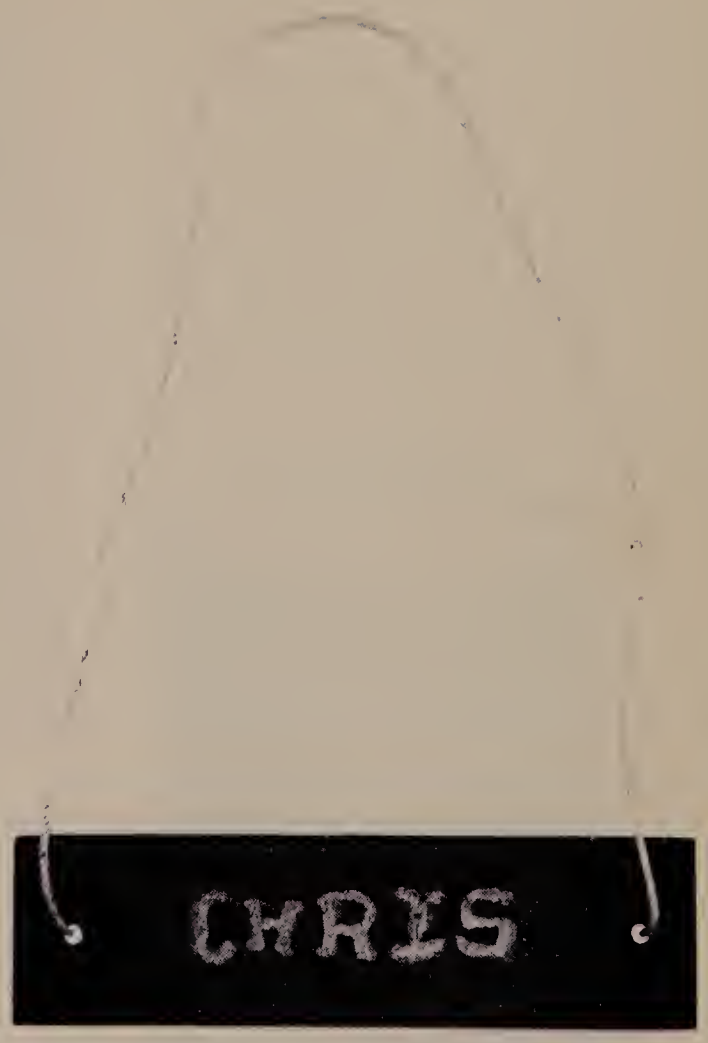
Spread newspaper over work surface. Choose the letters of your name from the alphabet cereal.

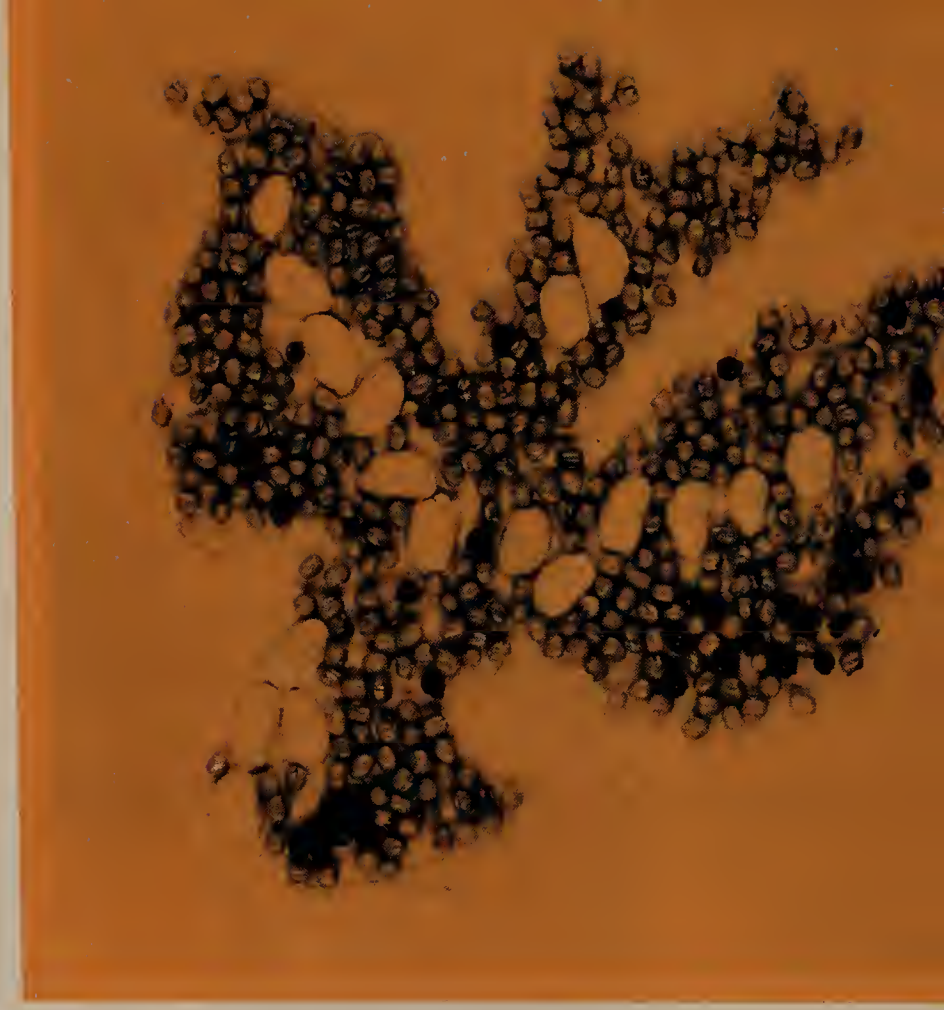
Cut a strip of cardboard large enough to hold all the letters of your name. Paint the cardboard strip with poster paint.

When it is dry, glue your name letters, neatly, onto it.

Punch a hole at each end of the cardboard strip and put a piece of string through each hole. Tie string ends into a knot. Make sure that the string fits over your head before tying.

When glue is dry, spray with clear varnish.





SEED COLLAGES

Materials Needed:

- A variety of seeds, dried peas, and beans (even gerbil food)
- Shirt cardboard
- Glue
- Small throw-away container
- Tweezers
- Clear spray varnish
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Either pencil in a design on the cardboard or do a design as you go.

Place some glue in a small throw-away container.

Using the tweezers, dip each seed or bean into the glue and place on the cardboard.

Let design dry completely then spray with clear varnish.

Suggestions for Design:

You may use any pattern you desire; however, seed collages make lovely flower, bird, and animal shapes.

PENCIL HOLDER II

Materials Needed:

- Frozen-juice can, clean and dry
- Spray enamel paint
- Small seeds such as pepper corns, cloves, sesame, sunflower, etc.
- Glue
- Brush
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Spray paint the can and let dry.

When dry, brush glue on the can in small dots, a line design or in long stripes.

Spread the seeds out on a sheet of newspaper. Roll the can around in the seeds so that they will stick onto the part that you have painted with glue.

BOOKMARK

Materials Needed:

- Construction paper
- Glue
- Ruler
- Small dried flowers, seeds, or leaves
- Clear self-stick paper
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Ribbon or yarn
- Newspaper

Instructions:

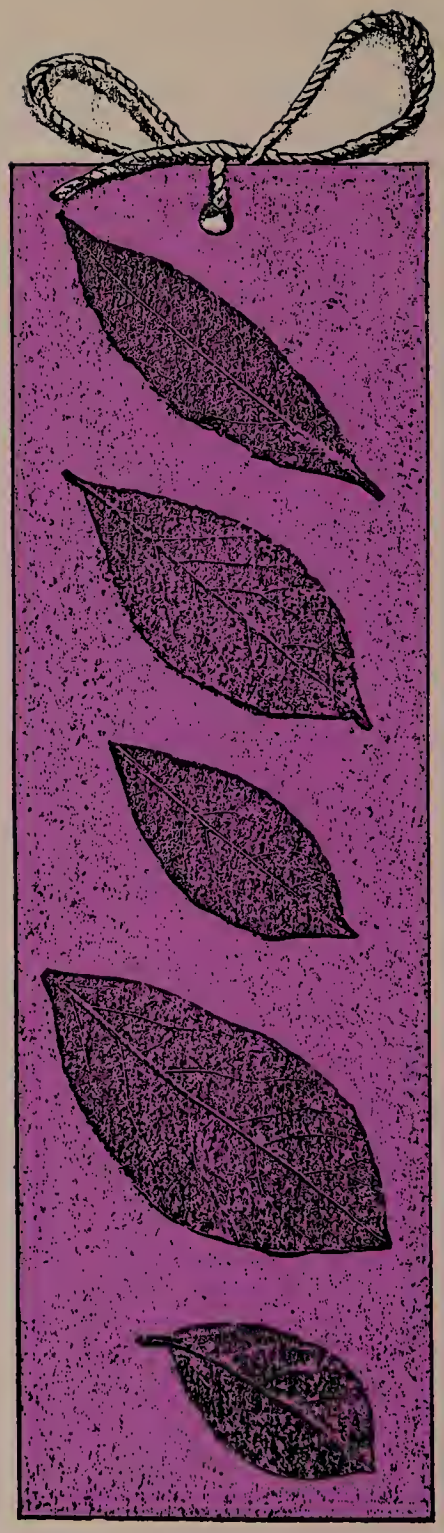
Spread newspaper over work surface. Cut a piece of construction paper about 7 inches long and 2 inches wide.

Glue the dried flowers, seeds, or leaves onto the paper.

Cut 2 pieces of self-stick clear paper the same size as the construction paper.

Peel off the backing and put 1 piece of the back of the construction paper bookmark and 1 piece on the front so that you cover the decorations.

Punch a hole in the top with a hole punch. Put a loop of ribbon or yarn through the hole and tie it.



VI. Odds and Ends

HERB AND SPICE JARS

Materials Needed:

- 6 baby-food jars with screw-on lids
- Enamel paint
- Small brushes
- Newspaper
- Turpentine
- Adhesive tape
- Water-proof marking pens
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Wash and dry jars and lids, completely, before starting.

Paint the lids of each jar and set aside to dry.

You may also paint designs on the jars.

When paint is dry, cut a strip of adhesive tape to fit either across the top of the lid or on the front of each jar.

Write the name of a spice on each piece of tape with water-proof marker.

Fill each jar with the appropriate spice or herb.

PAPER CLIP HOLDER

Materials Needed:

- 1 large empty kitchen matchbox
- Self-stick decorator paper or decorated papers (see page 19) and glue
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Measure and cut a piece of decorated paper 9 inches long and $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide.

If using self-stick paper, carefully wrap it around the matchbox.

If using decorated paper without adhesive, spread glue on the wrong side of the paper and, carefully, wrap the paper around the matchbox. This could also be used to hold rubber bands, crayons, trinkets, or any small items you wish to put in it.

EGG CARTON JEWELRY BOX

Materials Needed:

- 1 empty egg carton
- Poster paint
- Brush
- Ribbon pieces, fake jewels, or any other trim you wish to use as decoration on the box
- 12 cotton balls
- Glue
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Paint the entire egg carton with poster paint. Let dry, completely. Decorate the outside of the box with any trimmings you have.

Place a small amount of glue in the bottom of each egg shape and place a cotton ball in each one. This will make a neat resting place for jewelry.

TREASURE BOX

Materials Needed:

- Shoe box with lid
- Glue
- Pictures from magazines or comics, stamps, cartoons, colored paper, pieces of fabric, or anything you choose to decorate your box
- Scissors
- 2 brass paper fasteners
- Strip of cardboard, 2 inches wide and 10 inches long
- Pencil
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Using whatever decorations you have chosen, cover the outside and lid of the shoe box. If you have glued the trim, wait a few minutes for it to set in place.

With a pencil, punch a hole on each long side of the box about 1 inch from the top.

Punch a small hole about 1 inch from each end of the cardboard strip. Put a paper fastener through each hole in the cardboard strip and then through the holes in the box sides. Spread the prongs to hold the strip in place. You have now made a handle. Replace the cover of the box.

This can also be used for a lunch box.

KNITTING BOX AND NEEDLE HOLDER

Materials Needed:

- For knitting box: Round oat cereal box
- Decorated papers (see page 19) or self-sticking decorating paper
- Ruler
- Glue (if paper is not self-stick)
- 4 notebook reinforcements
- Yarn
- Scissors
- For needle holder:Strip of corrugated cardboard about 4 inches high and 10 inches long
- Decorated paper matching that on knitting box
- Scotch tape

Instructions:

For knitting box:

Measure and cut a piece of paper to fit the cereal box.

Glue the paper to the box.

Measure and cut a piece of decorated paper to fit the top of the box and glue it on.

Put the top on the cereal box, then punch 2 holes on opposite sides of the box a little bit under the edge of the lid.

Cover holes with notebook reinforcements.

Thread a piece of yarn through the holes to form a handle. Make knots at both ends of the yarn to hold the handle in place.

Punch a hole through the center of the lid. Put a notebook reinforcement on each side of the hole. The top hole is where the yarn is pulled through while knitting.

For needle holder:

Roll the strip of cardboard, tightly, into a tube. Scotch tape the tube together.

Cut a piece of decorated paper to fit the tube and either scotch tape it on or glue it in place. Knitting needles are stuck directly into the length of the tube.

BLEACH BOTTLE MASK
(Parental Help Needed)

Materials Needed:

- 1 1-gallon or 6-quart plastic jug (such as those used for bleach), thoroughly cleaned
- Sharp knife
- Spray enamel
- Pencil
- Self-sticking paper shapes, tape, or cut-out designs from colored self-sticking paper
- Scissors
- 1 18-inch piece of $\frac{1}{4}$-inch wide elastic
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Using your pencil, draw a line in the middle of the bottom of the jug, from side to side, and up both sides. Stop where the handle of the jug begins. Use the bottom of the jug as the top of your mask; the part that will go over your hair. The seam opposite the handle will be the center of the mask.

With a sharp knife have someone help you cut out around the lines you have drawn.

Save the handle portion for a Doll Bunk (see page 48).

With a pencil (or felt-tip pen), mark a place for the elastic holes on each side of the mask and places for the eye holes and a nose hole on the front of the mask.

Punch holes in the elastic marks.

Cut out eye and nose holes in small circles.

Decide on the kind of mask you are going to make (animal, person, monster) and spray paint it in the chosen color. After paint is completely dry, decorate the face using self-sticking papers or tape.

Attach elastic through holes to fit your head, comfortably.

DOLL BUNK
(Parental Help Needed)

Materials Needed:

- 1 1-gallon or 6-quart plastic jug (such as those used for bleach), thoroughly cleaned
- Pencil
- Sharp knife
- Spray enamel or poster paint
- Cutout paper, fabric, or ribbon decorations
- Paste
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Using your pencil, draw a line in the middle of the bottom of the jug, from side to side, and up both sides. Stop where the handle of the jug begins. The handle side will be the bottom of the bunk.

With a sharp knife have someone help you cut out around the lines you have drawn.

Save the cutout portion for a Bleach Bottle Mask (see page 47). This may be used for a soldier doll as well as for a female doll. For a soldier doll, paint as camouflage using poster paints. For a female doll, use as a cradle by spray-painting and then decorating with cutout decor of your choice.

DRIED FLOWER STABILE

Materials Needed:

- Metal jar lids of different sizes up to about 3 inches wide
- Enough clay to fill each jar lid
- Assortment of dried weeds, flowers, leaves, and stems
- Silver or gold spray paint
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Pack the clay into each jar lid. Place the dried materials in the clay. Don't put too many in; just enough to make a lovely arrangement. After you have finished arranging your bouquet, spray it with either silver or gold spray paint.

Let dry, completely, before moving.

PICTURE PAPERWEIGHT

(Parental Help Needed)

Materials Needed:

- 4 glass furniture leg coasters about 2 inches wide
- Photographs to fit inside of the coaster
- Shirt cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Small throw-away container
- Glue
- Plaster of Paris
- Poster paint
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Place the open end of the coaster on a piece of shirt cardboard.

Trace around the edge, completely.

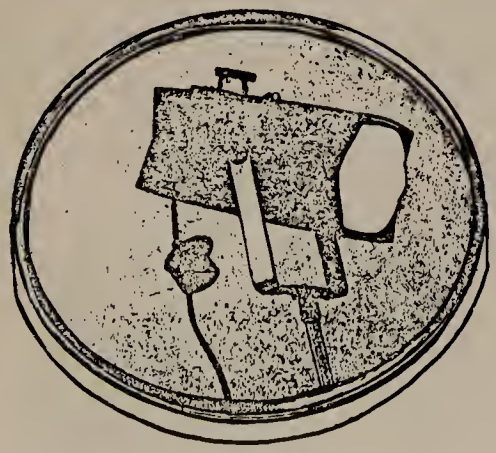
Cut out the cardboard circle.

Make a circle for each coaster.

Cut a photograph to fit each cardboard circle.

Glue the photograph to the cardboard. Place the cardboard circle in the coaster with the picture facing down. In a small throw-away container, mix the plaster of Paris as directed on the package. Add a small amount of poster paint for color.

Fill the open end of the coasters with plaster and let dry completely.



MOBILES
(Parental Help Needed)

Materials Needed:
- Wire coat hangers (3 should be enough)
- Wire cutter
- Clear nylon thread
- Scissors
- Hangings (see below)

Suggestions for Hangings:
- Pine cones, plain or painted
- Small birds or animals purchased from party goods or dime store
- Tiny bells
- Shapes cut out of oaktag or cardboard and crayoned or painted
- Photographs mounted on cardboard
- Magazine illustrations
- Small pieces of dried wood and/or flowers
- Baby toys
- Holiday Themes: small flags, Santa Claus figures, turkeys, hearts, etc.

Instructions:

Cut the wire coat hangers into 4 pieces. One piece, 12 inches long; 2 pieces, 7 inches long; 1 piece, 9 inches long.

Tie a long piece of clear nylon thread to the center of the 12-inch wire and attach the thread to the center of a door frame or light pull at an easy height for you to reach.

Tie 1 7-inch wire to each end of the 12-inch wire, using a thread about 4 inches long on each wire.

Tie the 9-inch wire to the center of the 12-inch wire using a thread about 12 inches long.

Tie whatever hanging you choose onto the ends of all the wires. Leave the threads loosely tied so that you can adjust the balance. It is important that you take your time as the mobile will not move freely unless all the hangings are properly balanced.

BERRY BASKET PLANTER

Materials Needed:

- Plastic berry basket
- 2 yards of ½-inch wide ribbon
- Aluminum foil
- Glue
- Garden soil
- Small plant or seeds
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Weave ribbon in and out of basket holes. Leave enough ribbon at each end so that you can tie a bow when you are finished weaving. Line the basket with a double piece of aluminum foil.

Fill the lined basket with soil and a small plant.

If you have seeds, you can also start your own plant in this pretty container.

ROCKS

Materials Needed:

Smooth rocks, cleaned and dried
Enamel paint
Turpentine
Brushes
Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. You will paint directly on the rock as a pencil design is hard to see, so think about your design before you begin painting. Some rocks will suggest a certain thing to you. If so, let the rock tell you what to paint; a cat, a rabbit, a mouse, a friend, or a monster. If the rock does not suggest something, use your imagination.

If you make a mistake or want to change your design, use a piece of rag dipped in turpentine to wipe off the paint while it is still wet. Wash and dry the rock before repainting.

Suggestions for Design:

You can make an entire family of rock people, a continuing outdoor scene using many rocks, or a group of brightly painted rocks of different sizes.

GLASSES/CUPS

Materials Needed:

Plastic glasses or cups and saucers OR paper cups
Enamel paints for plastic goods
Poster paints or felt-tipped pens for paper cups
Brushes for paints
Turpentine
Newspapers

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Decide on your design and paint it directly on the glass or cup.

Let paint dry, thoroughly, before use.

Suggestions for Design:

Try making a glass for each member of your family by painting their name on it.

A special tea set for your mother or for you can be made by painting a pretty design on plastic cups and saucers.

You can make a set of glasses for a special party. For instance, for a Halloween party you might paint pumpkins, black cats, or ghosts on the glasses or paper cups. For Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, and flowers could be your design. For your birthday, you could paint the name of each guest on his personal glass or cup, or you can do a design in the theme of your party.

SWITCH PLATES

Materials Needed:

- Plain white switch plate to fit outlet
- Enamel paint
- Brushes
- Varnish
- Pencil
- Turpentine
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Lightly pencil in the design or words you want to use on the switch plate. After the design is completely penciled in, paint it very carefully.

Let the paint dry, then cover entire surface of switch plate with varnish to protect your work.

Suggestions for Design:

You might use the name of the person in whose room the switch plate will be used, or pictures of something you know they like, or a free-form design in the colors of the room. A special message for a special person is also nice.

WOODEN HANGERS

Materials Needed:

- Wooden coat hanger
- Enamel paint
- Brushes
- Pencil
- Varnish
- Turpentine
- Newspapers

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. You can either paint the entire hanger, first, and then paint a design on it or you may leave the hanger unpainted except for the design.

Lightly pencil in the design on the hanger.

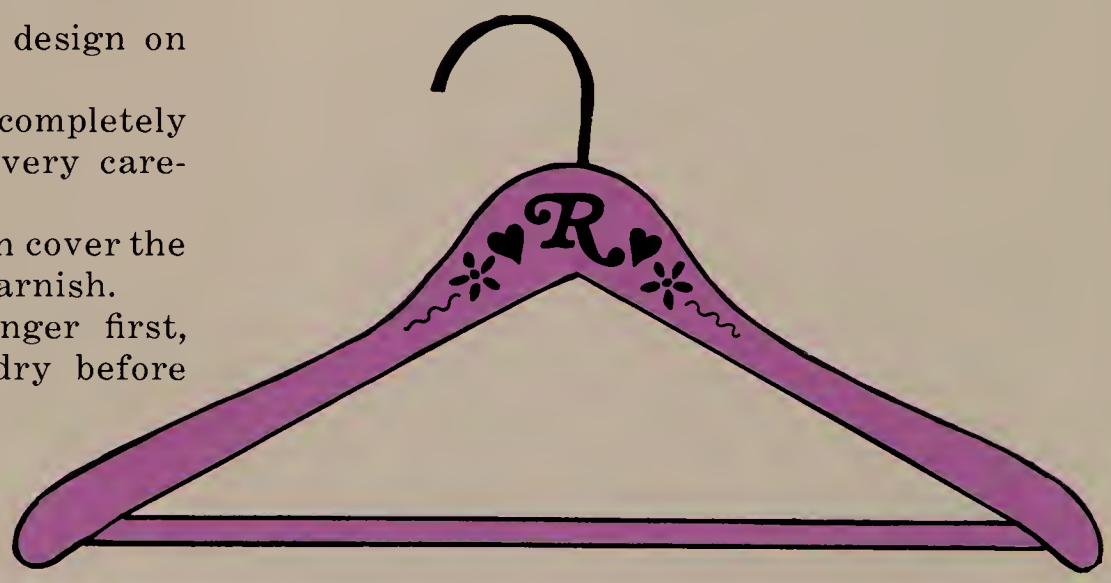
After the design is completely penciled in, paint it very carefully.

Let the paint dry, then cover the entire surface with varnish.

If you paint the hanger first, allow the paint to dry before doing design.

Suggestions for Design:

The initial of the last name of the person using the hanger makes a nice center of the design. On either side of the initial, you can make a rope design, flowers, stars, or almost any pattern that will fit. It is a good idea to keep the design simple so that the initial is easily seen.



CLAY POTS

Materials Needed:
- Clay flower pot
- Enamel paints
- Brushes
- Pencil
- Turpentine
- Ruler
- Varnish
- Newspaper

Instructions:

Spread newspaper over work surface. Wash and dry, thoroughly, the clay pot.

Use a pencil to sketch in the lines of your design on the clay pot. Use a ruler to help make straight lines. Using one color at a time, paint your design on the clay pot. Let the paint dry, then cover entire pot with varnish.

Remember your turpentine work rules (page 7).

Suggestions for Designs:

An Indian design is easy and beautiful. Flowers growing up the sides of the pot or long green leaves around the base are two other ideas.

VII. Planning and Designing a Party

The first thing you must do is to decide on the theme of your party—a circus, a flight into space, pirates, ballerinas, the Wild West—anything you choose. If it is a holiday party, your theme has already been chosen for you. Do this at least six weeks before the occasion so that you will have enough time to finish all the arrangements.

Make a list of your guests.

Make a list of all the items you are going to make yourself.

Make a special list of all the things you will have to buy.

The take-home gifts for your guests can be any one of the projects in this book. Or an even better idea is to have all of your guests make a project in this book themselves.

The first item on your "make it yourself" list should be invitations and envelopes. These should be mailed at least three weeks before your party so that you will give your guests time to respond and yourself time to make all the items for the party.

Have a good time!

INVITATIONS AND ENVELOPES

Materials Needed:

For invitations:

Construction paper
Felt-tip pens
Ruler
Pencil
Scissors

For envelopes:

Heavy white bond paper
Ruler
Glue
Pencil
Scissors

Instructions:

For invitations:

Measure and cut out the construction paper into pieces $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Make 2 more than you will need so that you will have extras if you make a mistake.

Fold each piece of construction paper in half so that you have a folded card, $4\frac{3}{16}$ inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Using the felt-tip pens, draw an appropriate design on the front of the card with "Come To A Party" or "Come To A Birthday Party" printed across the top.

On the inside of the card, draw 4 equal lines. In front of the first line, print, FOR: in front of the second line, print, DATE: in front of the third line, print TIME: in front of the fourth line, print, PLACE: Fill each line with the proper information. Across the bottom of the invitation, print R.S.V.P. with your telephone number.

For Envelopes:

Measure and cut out the heavy white bond into a diamond shape, with each side being exactly $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Fold all the corners into the center. You will have a rectangle, $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Glue the edges of the folded corners so that you will have a closed packet with one triangle open. Place your invitations inside, address each envelope and glue them shut.

NUT CUPS

Materials Needed:
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Felt-tip pens
- Scissors

Instructions:

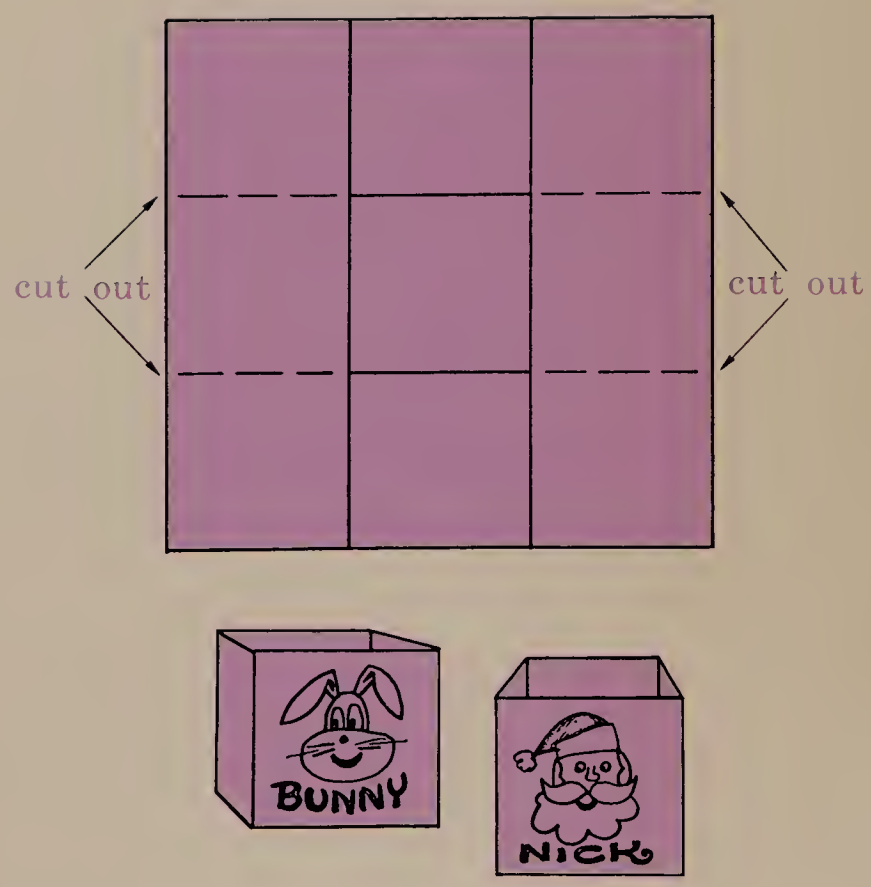
Measure and cut out the construction paper into 6-inch squares. Make 2 more squares than you will need so that you will have extras if you make a mistake.

On the inside of the square, pencil in 9 2-inch squares.

Cut down to the center square on 2 of the 2-inch lines on opposite sides of the square. Fold the 2-inch squares on all lines.

Fold the cut squares together and glue them. You will have a square cup.

Using a design from the theme of your party, draw on the outside of the cup with felt tip pens. Write each guest's name on a nut cup.



DECORATED TABLECLOTH AND NAPKINS

Materials Needed:

Paper tablecloth to fit your table.
Paper napkins
Felt-tip pens, crayons, or colored pencils

Instructions:

Using designs taken from the theme of your party, draw and color in the tablecloth. You can also write the names of your guests within the design and play a guessing game after you have eaten. Ask each guest to find his own name in the design.

For napkins:

Use a design from the theme of your party and write each guest's name on their own napkin. Use a small design on the napkins.

PLACE MATS

Materials Needed:

- Shelf lining paper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Felt-tip pens, crayons, or colored pencils

Instructions:

Measure and cut shelf-lining paper into place mats at least 15 inches long. Make 2 more pieces than you will need so that you will have extras if you make a mistake. Using designs taken from the theme of your party, draw and color in each place mat. Try making a different design on each place mat. Write each guest's name on their own place mat.

You may also leave the place mats plain and give each guest a box of crayons and let them color in their own place mats. The crayons can also be their take-home gift.

DECORATED TABLEWARE

Materials Needed:
As many white paper plates and white paper cups as you will need, with 2 extras.
Felt-tip pens
OR plastic cups or glasses, following directions on page 54

Instructions:
Using the design taken from the theme of your party, draw around the edge of the plates and on the outside of the cups.
It is also a nice idea to print each guest's name on their own plate and cup.
Do not write on the areas where food will be placed.

DECORATED BALLOONS

Materials Needed:
As many balloons as you wish (lots of balloons help add to the festive feeling of any party)
String
Felt-tip pens

Instructions:
Blow up the balloons.
Knot them and tie strings on each one.
Using designs taken from the theme of your party, draw on each balloon with felt-tip pens. Be sure to make a personal balloon for each guest to take home by printing their name on one.

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knitting box and needle holder, bleach bottle mask, doll bunk bed, dried flower stabile, picture paperweight, mobiles, berry basket planter, rocks, glasses/cups, switchplates, wooden hangers, clay pots.

Suggestions and ideas for planning and designing a party include such items as invitations and envelopes, nut cups, decorated tablecloth and napkins, placemats, decorated tableware and decorated balloons to be made and enjoyed by all.

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